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**JOHN W. MACK, PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES URBAN LEAGUE, APPOINTED TO THE CEDARS-SINAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

LOS ANGELES, CA (July 10, 2002) - John W. Mack, President of the Los Angeles Urban League, has been appointed to the Cedars-Sinai Health System's Board of Directors.

Since 1969, Mack has served as president of the Los Angeles Urban League. Under his leadership, the Los Angeles Urban League has become one of the most successful non-profit community organizations in Los Angeles with an annual budget of \$28 million. The Los Angeles Urban League serves over 100,000 individuals each year and operates a number of innovative, result-oriented job training, job placement, education, academic tutorial, youth achievement and business development programs serving African-Americans and other people of color utilizing state of the art computer technology preparing League constituents for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. A highly respected advocate for African-Americans and other minorities, Mack is a bridge builder across all racial, cultural, economic, gender and religious lines.

“John’s dedication to the communities and families of Los Angeles makes him an ideal member of our Board of Directors,” says Barbara Factor Bentley, chair. “Cedars-Sinai will greatly benefit from his insight and enthusiasm.”

“I am very pleased to join the Cedars-Sinai family,” says Mack. “I’ve long been impressed with the medical, research and academic excellence at Cedars-Sinai. The Medical Center has a world-class, diverse workforce, and I share its commitment to diversify all levels of the organization.” In the coming year, Mack will work in the area of patient safety and quality, and currently serves as a member of the Patient Safety subcommittee of the Board of Directors.

“We are very fortunate to have John Mack serve on the Cedars-Sinai Board of Directors. John’s leadership and experience in working with a wide range of communities greatly enhances our efforts to serve all members of our community.” says Thomas M. Priselac, president and CEO of Cedars-Sinai.

September 21, 2002 marks the 100th anniversary of Cedars-Sinai. The Board of Directors and the Medical Center have already begun preparations for the milestone, which include a community block-party celebration and the printing of a commemorative book chronicling the history of Cedars-Sinai.

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center is the largest non-profit academic medical centers in the Western United States. It is internationally renowned for its diagnostic and treatment capabilities and its broad spectrum of programs and services, as well as breakthrough biomedical research and superlative medical education. The Medical Center ranks among the top seven non-university hospitals in the nation for its research activities.